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Application No.: 10/708,178
Docket No.: 10929-US-PA

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Advisory Action electronically delivered on July 10, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and all pending claims 9-12, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Present Status of the Application

The Advisory Action has stated that the previous amendments filed in reply to the final Office Action are not entered because the amendments raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Particularly, claim 3 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA"), and further in view of Yamazaki et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,392,628 B1, hereinafter "Yamazaki et al."). Claim 8 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of Yamazaki et al. as applied to claim 3 and further in view of Maekawa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,646,642, hereinafter "Maekawa et al."). Claim 3 has been objected to for failing to particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention or discovery.

On the other hand, claims 9-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if overcome the claim objections above even though claims 9-12 are currently objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicants, without acquiescing to the properness of this rejection, have rewritten the allowable claims 9 and 10 into independent form incorporating all the limitations

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recited in claims 3 and 8, respectively. Claims 3 and 8 have been cancelled accordingly. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter and new issues, and adequate descriptive support for the present amendment should be apparent throughout the originally-filed disclosure.

After entry of the proposed amendments, the objections to the allowable claims 9-12. are solicited to be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are courteously requested.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 9-12 are in proper condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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